Norms for collecting fines for damaging properties in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

*367. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has fixed some norms for collection of fines from students for damaging properties of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these norms also provide that demand of these fines from students shall be under some written instructions, that the receipt of fines collected would be issued to students involved in damaging school properties;

(d) whether these instructions are being complied with by all Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has laid down the following procedure in regard to the loss of stores due to breakage.

As and when breakages arise, action should be taken to fix responsibility on the students or staff at fault and to recover the cost price or market price, whichever is higher. A receipt should be issued to the party concerned and the amount credited as miscellaneous income.

A note of the breakage should be kept in a prescribed register and the broken articles should be preserved for investigation by the 'condemnation board'.

These instructions are being complied with by all Kendriya Vidyalayas.

Sinking of INS Andaman of Indian Navy

*368. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fourteen naval personnel including three officers were missing when INS Andaman, a Soviet-made warship of the Indian Navy, sank in rough weather, alongwith armaments including missiles, in the Bay of Bengal near Visakhapatnam on August 20-21, 1990; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, whether it was a case of sabotage; and

(d) what were the total losses suffered and action taken proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAZA RAMANNA): (a) INS Andaman, a Petya class patrol vessel, sank in the Bay of Bengal at 14.05 hrs. on the 21st August, 1990, during exercises. Of the 132 crew members on board, 117 were rescued by Naval ships operating in the vicinity and 15 Naval personnel incuding 3 officers, are reported missing. The ship was not carrying any missile on board. Dead bodies of two personnel have since been received.

(b) and (c) A Board of Enquiry has been instituted to enquire into the causes of the accident and its report is awaited. The Naval Headquarters have reported that, prima facie, there appears to be no reason to suspect sabotage.

(d) Besides the loss of precious lives, the other losses suffered in the acci-

dent amount to approximately R. 8.12 crores, which include the cost of the vessel acquired in 1973 and various stores, ammunition, spares etc. on board. The exact value of all the items lost will be determined by the Board of Enquiry. Action, as necessary, including remedial measures, will be taken on the basis of the findings of the Board of Enquiry.

Vacant posts of Teachers in Delhi

*369. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grade of 1640—2900 granted to Central School teachers is also applicable to teachers in aided schools in Delhi;

(b) whether the posts of Principals, Vice-Principals, and others have been kept vacant, though qualified persons were available for promotion despite Supreme Court's judgement dated the 29th August, that promotion as right of an employee;

(c) what are the names of the schools having posts of Principal or Vice-Principal vacant for over two years, and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the provision of leave encashment particularly for those who are likely to retire in the year 2005 or earlier, without having opportunity to accumulate maximum two hundred forty days earned leave?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The pay scale of Rs. 1640—2900 has been prescribed effective from 1-1-1986 for Post Graduate Teachers and equivalent teaching categories of posts in the Union Territories and Central Autonomous Bodies like Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. This is also applicable to the Post Graduate Teachers in the Aided Schools.

A Statement showing the posts of Principals and Vice-Principals lying vacant in Aided Schools for over two years is at Annexure. The posts of Vice Principal are vacant in 26 Aided Schools while the posts of Principal are vacant in 7 of these schools, as shown in the Annex. As regards the other vacant posts, according to the Delhi Administration about 300 posts of other categories of teachers like Primary School Teachers, Trained Graduate Teachers. Post Graduate Teachers and miscellaneous categories of teachers are also vacant.

The vacancies of teachers continue to arise in the schools from time to time due to resignation, retirement and upgradation of schools. The filling up of vacancies is a continuing process and continuous efforts are always on to fill up the vacant posts In the case of private schools, the appointments are to be made by the concerned managements.

With a view to ensuring that Aided Schools fill up the vacant posts as early as possible, Delhi Administration issues necessary directions from time to time to the concerned managements in this regard. Moreover, by a recent amendment to the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973 the Aided schools have been given the authority to make appointments without the prior approval of the Director of Education where the Director's nominee is present on the DPC/Selection Committee.

As regards the provision of leave encashment as of now, the teachers of aided schools are entitled for the same subject to the maximum of 240 days Earned Leave at the credit of the incumbent, in accordance with the existing instructions of Government Rules relating to fringe benefits including encashment of leave are generally made for current application subject to changes that can be made from time to time and are not made for blanket application until the retirement of employees.